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A Special Note from Your Editor.....

At the Dodge City National Rally in Sept. , I received the Ernest Newhouse award. I would like to thank everyone for this prestigious honor. It really takes everyone's input to keep the club alive, but we all love our Ultra Vans and enjoy traveling in them. It is a pleasure to welcome new owners of Ultra Vans. As members of the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, we try to help any newbies out in any way. Please contact one of the officers or directors with any question. Cost for joining the club is \$10 per year and should be sent to our Treasurer, Lewis Young.

If there some of you out there who now have e mail and would like to receive your Whales on Wheels very fast (It takes 2 seconds to e mail it to you), please let me know and I will take you off of my Snail Mail list. You can e mail me at the address below.

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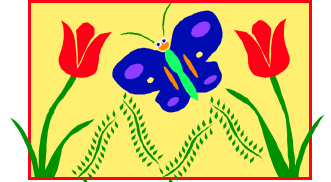
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All those that attended the rally enjoyed their time together. The rally started out hot, AC on and finished with heaters running. Plenty of good food and fellowship. The trip to Boot Hill was very interesting and the Banquet meal was great.

Thanks to Standals and Owen Strawn and the Radfords for putting the rally on. We had 7 Ultras and two in motels and one in a tent. We are looking forward to the spring rally in FL. As far as we know everyone made it home OK.

Your Friends in Ultra,
Clyde & Kaye Stanton
Ultra #392



Norman Standal submits this paragraph for your information:

If ethanol use continues to increase at the rate the EPA is encouraging, someday there may be no gasoline left for classic cars. To keep current on the latest ethanol news --- and to sign the HVA's online petition opposing the approval of E15 production and sale for 2001 and newer model year vehicles --- go to: historicvehicle.org.



Message from your Treasurer:

Your 2012 dues are now due and payable. Send your \$10.00 dues to LEW YOUNG, 278 GARDEN CIRCLE DR. EAST, MANTECA, CA 95336.

Beginning 2013, dues will be \$5.00 per year for those receiving the Whales on Wheels newsletter by e-mail only and \$15.00 per year for those receiving the newsletter on hard copy and mailed through the postal dept. NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PRE-PAID FOR YEARS BEYOND 2012. LEW YOUNG, TREASURER



Our trip to National Rally in Dodge City, KS was an enjoyable time. On the way we stopped at Scott Pilkington's for a mini rally (3 Ultras).

Then we caravanned with Jim and Roy Davis going to and coming from the rally. We crossed the Mississippi River and found out that small ferry boats will hold at least 2 Ultra Vans. What fun we had!!!!

Norm and Brenda Standal





In Memory of ED HARRISON



Hi, All.

With his loving wife, Jane, by his side, Ed Harrison died peacefully on August 31, aged 90.

Ed and Jane and their Ultra Van #324 have been members of the Ultra Van club since acquiring #324 in 1976, and have found countless friends along the way, including my wife Cyndie and myself. We consider ourselves fortunate to have known Ed for even the short time that we did, and we will remember him and see him in the eyes of Jane, and their children and grandchildren, in the years to come.... Thanks, Ed!

Chuck.

Thanks, Chuck, for your wonderful eulogy !

I just telephoned Jane - we had a nice long talk - about what a special guy Ed was - what a great sense of humor he had, how fun he was to be around, about how many friends he had - and how wonderful that they had 65 long happy years together.....and thankgoodness, Ed was pretty active and healthy almost right up to the very end. 90 years of a good life!!! We'll miss him for sure - Bye Ed - til we meet again..... Betsy and Leo Senn

We first met the Harrison's many years ago at one of the first Ultra rallies that we attended Things we remember about Ed;

He was the first person out each morning to walk his dog.

Never had a serious problem with his Ultra.

Would always greet you with a big friendly smile.

Not much of a talker, but when he did it was a positive statement. Attended all of the tech sessions.

He loved his Ultra Van as much as he did Jane. (I am not sure which was #1, but you can guess.:))

A dedicated worker on Ultra Van #101. He was a Army Veteran who served his country. Thank you Ed for your service.

He was a broken person after the accident with his beloved Ultra Van. After the repairs were done on his Ultra by several Ultra club members he was more happy then you can imagine. When he first saw the completion of the repairs, all he could say was, "Oh MY", "Oh My". He could not drive close to the end, but he would go out and just sat behind the wheel of the Ultra and let the memories roll of years gone past.

We send our condolences to the Harrison family.

Love,

Jim C & Marlene

Thanks, Chuck, for letting us all know.

I met Ed and Jane at my first National Ultravan Rally in Custer, SD, where they lived for part of the year. Ed was considering selling #324 and I made the trip from Sacramento with a Corvair buddy to look at it. Ed and Jane offered us to stay in 324 while at the Rally, which was very special. The deal was not made, but we both left feeling good about the discussion. Ed was a real gentleman through the process and it was great to really have time inside an Ultravan prior to purchasing it. I saw Ed and Jane again at the Western Rally in Laughlin, NV. It was nice to see them again and also good to follow up on the repair of 324's front end.

When I left Custer, without having purchased 324, it seemed at the time that Ed was simply not ready to part with it. I think that proved true in the years since then. I still do not regret not getting it, but that experience let me know that I really did want to get one, but it had to be the right one for my needs. Later we purchased #545 with a Toronado powertrain and I do not regret that decision. I have Ed and Jane to thank for the opportunity of camping in an Ultravan and knowing how special that is.

Rest in peace, Ed, you are quite a gentleman. Larry Forman

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet

Hosted By: CORSA West of Los Angeles

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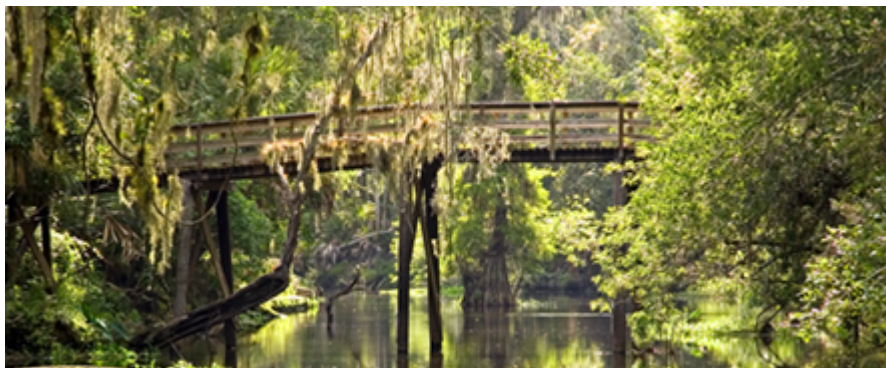
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Location: 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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2012 Eastern Spring Rally at Hillsborough River State Park, 15402 U.S. 301 North Thonotosassa, Florida 33592 March 19-23 2012

Reservations have been made for a few sites at the Campground. If you plan to attend, please call Brenda or Norm Standal at 239-656-3075 for a spot. There will be the usual Schedule of Events: Potluck, Yankee Swap, Prizes, Tech Session, Buffet Restaurant, Meetings, etc.



web site: <http://floridastateparks.org/hillsboroughriver/default.cfm>

Ultra Vans For Sale

#232 Ultra Van. This unit has about 1200 miles on a rebuilt 110 engine. I have invested over \$12,000 for renovation and upgrading. I had just returned from a 1,200 trip with my Ultra before taking it in for some body work and paint job. At that time, it was in great running condition before the wiring was removed. There is a brand new refrigerator, Onan generator, exterior body parts, and (2) windshields that are stored with the Ultra Van in Las Vegas. It also has a rebuilt transmission. Included are heavy duty brakes, new front suspension, air conditioner and swamp cooler. The exterior body is in fairly good shape. The wiring, interior paneling and carpet have been removed in a renovation attempt. Would consider the buyer using some bartering, or doing the mechanical work that needs to be completed. Ultra Van #232 has been relocated to the property of Chuck Hanson in Mesquite, Nevada. Chuck is our current Western Ultra Van Club Board Member. He intends to do some upgrades and improvements on Ultra Van #232. His cell phone number: (702) 346-1688. We can thank Chuck for saving another Ultra from the graveyard.

Darrell Woofter contact at 417-725-8088 or email me at woofcorvair@aol.com for questions. Please make offer.

#473 Ultra Van. 1969 Corvair Ultra Van in need of TOTAL RESTORATION! Right front damaged in accident. Needs total windshield replacement (windshields are still available). Newly rebuilt wolf carburetors. Engine has approx. 10,000 miles on it and needs tune-up. Has new Clark's transmission and 3.55 rear end brakes (need bleeding) Running gear in OK condition. Newer air conditioner and original type generator. Has a kitchen/LR area, a bathroom and a bed located in the rear, over the engine compartment. A challenging project for someone looking for a "diamond in the rough." **\$1500**

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#2019 Tiara This unit is for sale. It is in very good running condition. It has new air conditioner, rug, mattresses like the astronauts use, refrigerator with big freezer two doors. MANY OTHER ITEMS that I can't tell you about as I'm no mechanic. Asking \$15,000.00 or best offer. **Ruth Harvey, 7685 64th St., Pinellas Park, Florida tel. (727) 541-3433**



Ultra Class Ads:

For Sale:

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Big Payday

by Owen Strawn

This summer saw the first public appearance of Ultra Van #20 after a five-year restoration effort by Chuck Fetter of Galway, NY . Chuck is the fifth owner, following Myron & Lorena Hurd, Sonny & Becky Harben, John & Margie Fitzgerald, and Roy & Geraldine Neal.

#20 is an Oakland built coach, 22 feet long, with the distinctive Ford Econoline headlight bezels and 14 inch wheels; and originally equipped with a reversed late-model Corvair ("leading-arm") rear suspension. It was built for the Hurds in 1965, after the Prescolite operation shut down in February 1964, but before Jack Tillotson took over production in August 1965.

The Hurds first registered their coach with the Club in 1968, and it has always been listed as #20. In various documents, Dave Peterson listed the Hurd's coach as #19 (208), #22, or #17 (206) - but the registration shows the serial number as 209, which would make it the 20th coach built.

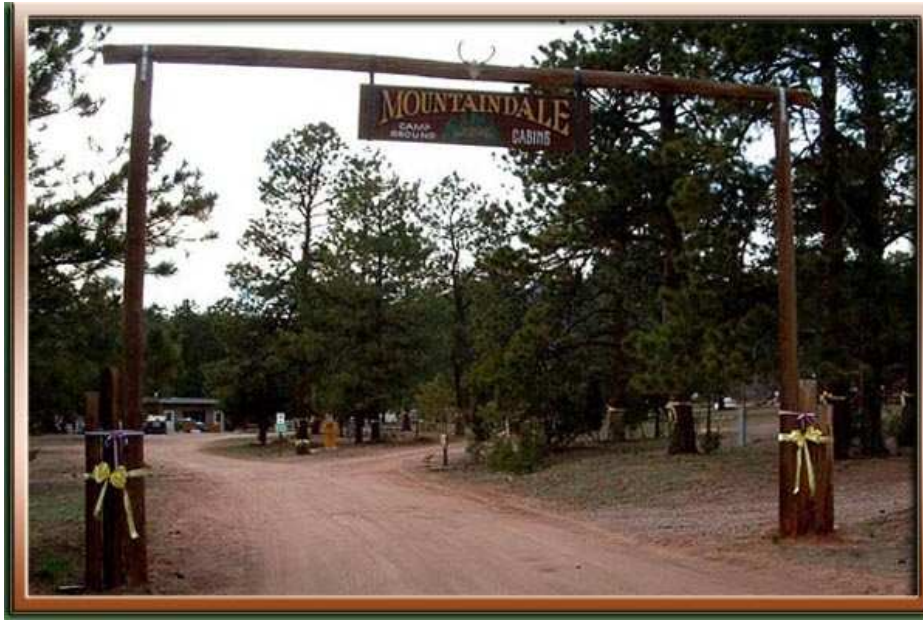
After purchasing #20 from Roy Neal in 2006, Chuck knew he had a very big job ahead of him: starting with repairing the damaged rear body, replacing the windshields and fuel tank, and installing all-new wiring, plumbing, insulation, instruments, and upholstery. He had the 140 HP Corvair engine and Powerglide transmission rebuilt; and added disk brakes in front, a trailer hitch in the rear, an air conditioner on the roof, and plastic water and sewer tanks (with aluminum bracing) underneath the floor.

The original engine installation had no vents or ducts, and no seals - the fan pulled cooling air past the engine from underneath the coach. Chuck didn't like this arrangement so he added skirts to the top of the engine and cut new air vents into the side compartments. He also upgraded the rear suspension by modifying the arms to attach in front of the wheels instead of in the rear.

All this work was topped off with a gorgeous silver paint job, Coker wide white wall tires, and chromed baby moon hubcaps.

The NY authorities signed off on #20's safety inspection on August 19, and the very next day Chuck displayed his brand-new 46-year-old Ultra Van at the 4th Annual Galway Lions Club Wings 'n' Wheels Showcase. The coach was a very big hit with the crowd, and Chuck went home with a wall plaque - what is sure to be the first of many awards for this beautiful and historic coach!





2012 UVMCC National Rally

**Mountaindale Cabins & RV Resort
2000 Barrett Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO
719-576-0619
www.campground1.com**

Dates: Sept. 17-22, 2012

Hosts: Shelley & Lew Young, Larry Foreman and Rosie Walker

Reservations must be made before June 17, 2012 to make sure we are together as a group.

More details will follow in the Spring WOW.

Be sure to mention UVMCC when making reservations

West Coast Summer Ultra Van Rally

by Gale and Gretchen Pfueller

Six Ultra Vans and twenty-five UV enthusiasts gathered on the beautiful, sunny, Oregon Coast at the Port of Newport RV park. The site was perfect, with a lovely clubhouse and great facilities. Within a short walking distance was the famous Newport Aquarium, the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center, Rogue Brewery, NOAA, and Pirate's Plunder shopping village.



On the first evening we enjoyed a pasta dinner and birthday cake, celebrating the 50th birthday (approx.) of the Ultra Van and two of our guests. The meal was accompanied by fine wine made by Jerry Mello. After dinner, the park host told us of the many opportunities available in the area. Because there were so many, it was decided that we would do as we wished the following day. Lew Young, UVMCC treas., provided us with information on our national organization and discussed the needs of the coming year.



On Monday morning we gathered for cinnamon rolls, home picked blueberries and coffee and, of course, more UV talk and included our West Coast Meeting at which time we nominated a 2013 West Coast representative, Gale Pfueller, selected upcoming West Coast Rally coordinators, the Mellos and Bells, and Lew gave details of the next national rally in Dodge City. We all scattered to take in as much of the area as we possibly could during the day. We gathered again for a potluck at six, followed by our Yankee Swap.

On Tuesday morning Rosie Walker, with the help of Larry, provided us with a fantastic blueberry pancake, egg and bacon breakfast even after their days of struggles with their RV and days of very little sleep. Can you imagine sleeping on the highway, in front of a shop, in your UV, waking up on your birthday and putting together a great meal. After cleaning up and packing up we headed up the coast, stopping at Yaquina Head Lighthouse and the Devil's Punchbowl, next door to Mo's where some of us enjoyed yet another bowl of clam chowder. The drive was beautiful as we traveled to the Chinook Winds Casino RV Park at Lincoln City. In the afternoon Jodie treated us to a sensational strawberry smooothie. For dinner we walked down to McMenimens, a popular pub and restaurant in Oregon.



In the morning of Wednesday many of the gals went to the Outlet Mall and found some great bargains. The guys had a good day of UV activities and talk. We had fun touring the coaches in the afternoon. At dinner we had a huge table at the casino and enjoyed a big buffet and much conversation. After there was some beach walking and a little gambling. Ron Adams was the big winner which made sense since he is a financial planner. Again we had the pleasure of watching Jacob, Robert, and Elizabeth enjoy the beautiful outdoors even as we were

Thursday morning it was time to say good bye to our old and new friends. We had a marvelous group: Ron & Evelyn Adams #499 B.C., Doug & Meg Bell #215 OR, Larry Forman & Rosie Walker #545 CA, Forrest Gist #413 OR, Jodie & Tom LeCoque and Dallas #543 WA & UT, Johnny & Elaine Leigh #434 OR, Jerry & Patty Mello #333 OR, Lew & Shelly Young (former #497 owners) and Donna Bolton Ca, Darrel Mollenhaur OR, Deryk & Shannon Peters and Elizabeth, Robert and Jacob #411 OR and Gale & Gretchen Pfueller & 497 Wa.

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2011 National Ultra Van Rally Report

by Owen Strawn

Arrivals include the Davis' (388), the Standals (480), the Kramers (424), the Zoutendams (375), the Forman/Walker contingent (545), The Youngs, and myself. With today's addition of Will Panzer (275), the Stantons (392), and the Radfords, the rally has officially begun! We were pleased to welcome Mark Lynch who joined us today, unfortunately the Olsons were unable to make it. We were all disappointed to hear of the last minute cancellations of the Pratts and the Bosos though.

Jim Davis explained the ins and outs of the 3.1 liter Corvair engine kit in the morning tech session, then we all had a lovely lunch in a railroad dining car, and enjoyed just about perfect afternoon weather. I'm bundling up in my tent for what is expected to be a cold and rainy night. Clyde said I could sleep under 392 if it gets too bad. Let's call that "plan c".



Well, we all survived last night's 47 degree drizzle (some more

comfortably than others), but it didn't get much over 54 during the day. So after morning coffee & announcements it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by acclamation to move the membership meeting from the campground's open air pavilion to a nice restaurant where we could also enjoy lunch.

The major development was Lew & Shelley Young's proposal to hold 2012 Ultra Week outside Colorado Springs, so start making your plans to attend now!

We had to say goodbye to Will Panzer & Mark Lynch this morning, but the Baxters from Tulsa turned up in the afternoon to fill the void. The rest of the day was left unscheduled so we adjourned for naps and shared hospitality.

Friday started cold, but eventually warmed up nicely. Morning announcements included a proposal from webmaster Ken Wildman to add a rally section to the club website (this was mentioned at the membership meeting, but nobody had remembered to bring the actual letter along). The new section will include scrapbook pages for past rallies and of course prominent and timely announcements of future rallies. A call for volunteers to manage this section was made - if you are interested please contact Ken.

The morning tech session focused on fire safety. Afterwards was a light lunch in the pavilion and the Yankee Swap (rescheduled from Thursday evening). Doc Ron challenged the group to see if anyone could identify the one stock item that matched on all six remaining coaches (388, 480, 424, 375, 392, and 545. 275 had already departed). The afternoon weather was ideal for coach hopping, comparing modifications, and fellowship.

Nineteen happy UVers converged at the Boot Hill Museum at 4pm. The self-guided tour inevitably degenerated to carousing and cacophony once the Long Branch Saloon was discovered. After several tries, the Saloon was cleared and the party moved down to the restaurant where all enjoyed a chuckwagon style dinner featuring smoked beef brisket, corn, coleslaw, biscuits, and apple cobbler. The delicious dinner was followed by the announcement of the election results, and all present were happy to learn that Brenda Standal had earned the Ernie Newhouse award for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Ultra Van community. Congratulations Brenda!!

The evening was capped with a command performance of the Long Branch Saloon Variety show, and we returned to the campground where goodbyes were made for the expected early Saturday departures. The pancake breakfast that had been planned was cancelled due to a violent storm front that moved thru about 2 AM and left the campground soggy, and the remaining campers prepared to depart in a heavy fog.



We are all grateful to sponsor Brenda Standal, Owen Strawn, and to Linda and Dennis Radford (who hosted Tuesday's dinner), and to all who came together to make the 2011 Ultra Week such a success!

See you next year in Colorado Springs!